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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for shared  
2 operational functions of school districts and including  
3 effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase  
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student  
5 programming for school districts that share operational  
6 functions, ~~a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per~~  
7 ~~pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that~~  
8 ~~shares with a political subdivision one or more operational~~  
9 ~~functions of a curriculum director, school administration~~  
10 ~~manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or~~  
11 ~~school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the~~  
12 areas of superintendent management, business management, human  
13 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for  
14 at least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned  
15 a supplementary weighting of five pupils for each shared  
16 operational function. The additional weighting shall be  
17 assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The  
18 operational function sharing arrangement does not need to be a  
19 newly implemented sharing arrangement to receive supplementary  
20 weighting under this subsection. However, to receive  
21 supplementary weighting under this subsection for an ongoing  
22 operational function sharing arrangement that began before  
23 July 1, 2014, the district shall submit information to the  
24 department documenting the cost savings directly attributable  
25 to the shared operational functions and describe the district's  
26 consideration of additional shared operational functions.

27 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,  
28 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

29 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection  
30 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of  
31 five years during the period commencing with the budget year  
32 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July  
33 1, 2019. ~~The minimum amount of additional weighting for which~~  
34 ~~a school district shall be eligible is an amount equivalent to~~  
35 ~~ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional~~

1 ~~weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is~~  
2 ~~an amount equivalent to forty additional pupils.~~ Receipt of  
3 supplementary weighting by a school district pursuant to this  
4 subsection for more than one year shall be contingent upon  
5 the annual submission of information by the district to the  
6 department documenting cost savings directly attributable to  
7 the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining  
8 the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall  
9 be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the  
10 five-year maximum, and for determining qualification of  
11 operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be  
12 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of  
13 long-term savings by the school district or increased student  
14 opportunities.

15 *d.* Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection  
16 shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of  
17 five years during the period commencing with the budget year  
18 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July  
19 1, 2019. However, in lieu of the amount of weighting provided  
20 to school districts for shared operational functions under  
21 paragraph "a", a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per  
22 pupil shall be assigned to each pupil within the area served by  
23 the area education agency. The minimum amount of additional  
24 funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is  
25 fifty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional  
26 funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible  
27 is two hundred thousand dollars. The department of management  
28 shall annually set a weighting for each area education agency  
29 to generate the approved operational sharing expense using the  
30 area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount  
31 and foundation level. Receipt of supplementary weighting  
32 by an area education agency for more than one year shall be  
33 contingent upon the annual submission of information by the  
34 district to the department documenting cost savings directly  
35 attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria



1 school districts and area education agencies.

2 The bill also strikes the 0.02 per pupil supplementary  
3 weighting for school districts and establishes an additional  
4 weighting of five pupils for each shared operational function  
5 of the school district. The bill also strikes the minimum and  
6 maximum amounts of additional weighting for which a school  
7 district may be eligible.

8 The bill retains the 0.02 per pupil supplementary weighting  
9 provided to area education agencies. The bill also retains the  
10 minimum amount and maximum amount of additional weighting for  
11 which an area education agency may be eligible.

12 The bill takes effect upon enactment.